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Applicant(s): Lin et al.

Serial No: 10/585,628

Filing Date: July 11, 2006

For: Trim Door Hardware Carrier And Methods Of Assembling Vehicle Door

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §371 mailed April 16, 2009, Applicants hereby petition the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to accept the application by the signing joint inventors, Jih Cheng Lin, Dennis John Buening, Radoslav Bokun, David James Krysiak, Daniel E. Wenglinski, Juliusz Kirejczyk, Luc R. Regnier, David Legault, and Douglas G. Broadhead, on behalf of themselves and on behalf of non-signing joint inventor, Manfred Fritsch, who cannot be found or reached for executing a Declaration and Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. §1.497 despite the diligent effort by the undersigned. A surcharge of \$130.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.492(h) for the late submission of the oath or declaration and a petition fee of \$200.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g) is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759.

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The facts surrounding a partially executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (hereinafter referred to as the “Declaration”) are as follows:

1. A non-provisional patent application for “Trim Door Hardware Carrier And Methods Of Assembling Vehicle Door” was filed in the USPTO on February 6, 2004 and assigned serial number 10/774,195. The inventors listed in the non-provisional application are Jih Cheng Lin, Dennis John Buening, Radoslav Bokun, Manfred Fritsch, David James Krysiak, Daniel E. Wenglinski, Juliusz Kirejczyk, Luc R. Regnier, David Legault, and Douglas G. Broadhead. A copy of the Filing Receipt is included at Attachment 1.

2. The named inventors assigned all right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned non-provisional patent application to Intier Automotive Closures Inc., as evidenced by an Assignment. A copy of the executed Assignment is included at Attachment 2.

3. A PCT patent application for “Trim Door Hardware Carrier And Methods Of Assembling Vehicle Door” was filed in the Canadian Intellectual Property Office on February 7, 2005 and assigned international application number PCT/CA2005/000152. This PCT application claims priority to the above-referenced non-provisional application, as evidenced by the cover sheet of International Publication Number WO 2005/075226 included at Attachment 3.

4. A United States national stage patent application for “Trim Door Hardware Carrier And Methods Of Assembling Vehicle Door” was filed in the USPTO on July 11, 2006 and assigned serial number 10/585,628. This U.S. national stage application claims priority to the originally filed non-provisional application through the above-referenced PCT application. A copy of the transmittal letter for the U.S. national stage application is included at Attachment 4.

5. A Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371 was mailed on April 16, 2009 indicating an oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date is required. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is included at Attachment 5.

6. Jih Cheng Lin, Dennis John Buening, Radoslav Bokun, David James Krysiak, Daniel E. Wenglinski, Juliusz Kirejczyk, Luc R. Regnier, David Legault, and Douglas G. Broadhead executed a Declaration and Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. §1.497 for the above-captioned U.S. national stage application. The signing joint inventors signed the Declaration and Power of Attorney on their own behalf and on the behalf of Manfred Fritsch. A copy of the partially executed Declaration is included at Attachment 6.

7. Alex Porat, Patent Counsel for Intier Automotive Closures Inc., has executed a Statement of Patent Counsel stating that Manfred Fritsch's address at the end of his employment with Intier Automotive Closures Inc. was 4501 Woodcock Way, Highland, MI, 48357-3970 and Manfred Fritsch's social security number is 358-88-XXXX. A copy of the Statement of Patent Counsel is included at Attachment 7.

8. The undersigned performed a search using LexisNexis to determine a current address for Manfred Fritsch. LexisNexis returned a list of addresses corresponding to Manfred Fritsch and the social security number 358-88-XXXX. The most current address listed is 144 Country Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736-5570. A copy of the LexisNexis search results is included at Attachment 8.

9. The undersigned performed an Internet search using ZabaSearch to determine a current address for Manfred Fritsch. ZabaSearch returned a list of addresses corresponding to Manfred Fritsch. The most current address listed is 144 Country Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736. A copy of the ZabaSearch search results is included at Attachment 9.

10. The undersigned prepared a first cover letter of instructions to Manfred Fritsch requesting that Manfred Fritsch execute and return a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application for the U.S. national stage application "Trim Door Hardware Carrier And Methods Of Assembling Vehicle Door." Enclosed with the first cover letter and Declaration was the complete U.S. national stage application, including the specification and drawings. The first cover letter includes a statement that "your failure to respond will be treated as a refusal to sign the Declaration." A copy of the first cover letter is included at Attachment 10.

11. The above-mentioned first cover letter to Manfred Fritsch and enclosures were sent by the undersigned to Manfred Fritsch at 144 Country Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736 via Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested on January 18, 2007. A copy of the front of the package is included at Attachment 11.

12. The above-mentioned first cover letter and enclosures that were sent to Manfred Fritsch were returned with “Forward Time Exp Rtn To Send” and “Return to Sender” stamped on the front of the package. The package also included a forwarding address of P.O. Box 37, St. John, VI 00831-0037. A copy of the front of the package is included at Attachment 11.

13. The undersigned prepared a second cover letter of instructions to Manfred Fritsch requesting that Manfred Fritsch execute and return a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application for the U.S. national stage application “Trim Door Hardware Carrier And Methods Of Assembling Vehicle Door.” Enclosed with the second cover letter and Declaration was the complete U.S. national stage application, including the specification and drawings. The second cover letter includes a statement that “your failure to respond will be treated as a refusal to sign the Declaration.” A copy of the second cover letter is included at Attachment 12.

14. The above-mentioned second cover letter to Manfred Fritsch and enclosures were sent by the undersigned to Manfred Fritsch at the P.O. Box 37, St. John, VI 00831-0037 address via Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested on January 30, 2007.

15. The above-mentioned second cover letter and enclosures that were sent to Manfred Fritsch were delivered on February 7, 2007 as indicated on the signed Return Receipt. A copy of the signed Return Receipt is included at Attachment 13.

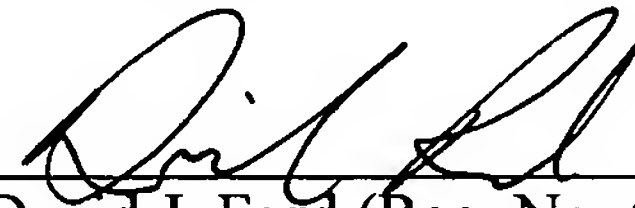
16. The undersigned has not received a signed copy of the Declaration from Manfred Fritsch.

Manfred Fritsch’s last known address is 144 Country Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736. Applicants have not been able to reach Manfred Fritsch even after diligent effort. Applicants

respectfully request that the Commissioner accept the efforts of the Applicants and allow the Applicants to prosecute the application to their best ability as the application is an asset of the Applicants.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Petition is directed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Receipt is acknowledged of this regular Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections, facsimile number 703-746-9195. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

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 Daniel E. Wenglinski, Taylor, MI;
 Juliusz Kirejczyk, Newmarket, CANADA;
 Luc R. Regnier, Toronto, CANADA;
 David Legault, Windsor, CANADA;
 Douglas G. Broadhead, Brampton, CANADA;

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This application is a CIP of 10/616,120 07/03/2003

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Title

Trim door hardware carrier and methods of assembling vehicle door

Preliminary Class

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**LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING UNDER
Title 35, United States Code, Section 184
Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15**

GRANTED

The applicant has been granted a license under 35 U.S.C. 184, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" followed by a date appears on this form. Such licenses are issued in all applications where the conditions for issuance of a license have been met, regardless of whether or not a license may be required as set forth in 37 CFR 5.15. The scope and limitations of this license are set forth in 37 CFR 5.15(a) unless an earlier license has been issued under 37 CFR 5.15(b). The license is subject to revocation upon written notification. The date indicated is the effective date of the license, unless an earlier license of similar scope has been granted under 37 CFR 5.13 or 5.14.

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NOT GRANTED

No license under 35 U.S.C. 184 has been granted at this time, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" DOES NOT appear on this form. Applicant may still petition for a license under 37 CFR 5.12, if a license is desired before the expiration of 6 months from the filing date of the application. If 6 months has lapsed from the filing date of this application and the licensee has not received any indication of a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181, the licensee may foreign file the application pursuant to 37 CFR 5.15(b).

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS Jih Cheng LIN, a U.S. citizen; Dennis John BUENING, a U.S. citizen; Radoslav BOKUN, a Canadian citizen; Manfred FRITSCH, a U.S. citizen; David J. KRYSIAK, a U.S. citizen; and Daniel E. WENGLINSKI, a U.S. citizen; Juliusz KIREJCZYK, a Canadian citizen; Luc R. REGNIER, a Canadian citizen; David LEGAULT, a Canadian citizen; and Douglas G. BROADHEAD, a Canadian citizen, whose postal addresses are 39085 Lancaster Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331, U.S.A.; 46151 Bloomcrest Drive, Northville, Michigan 48167, U.S.A.; 2651 Teedie Crescent, Windsor, Ontario, N8R 2K5, Canada; 144 Country Lane, Ringgold, Georgia 30736, U.S.A.; 10 Fairwood, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069, U.S.A.; 32722 Ohio, Livonia, Michigan 48150, U.S.A.; 1045 Far North Circle, Newmarket, Ontario, L3X 1N4, Canada; 1569 Mount Pleasant Road, Toronto, Ontario, M4N 2V4, Canada; 4654 Alpenrose Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, N9G 2S5, Canada; and 4 Penrose Court, Brampton, Ontario, L6Z 4P1, Canada, respectively invented a certain new and useful invention relating to:

TRIM DOOR HARDWARE CARRIER AND METHODS OF ASSEMBLING VEHICLE DOOR

for which a patent application was filed in the United States Patent Office on February 6, 2004, as Application SN 10/774,195;

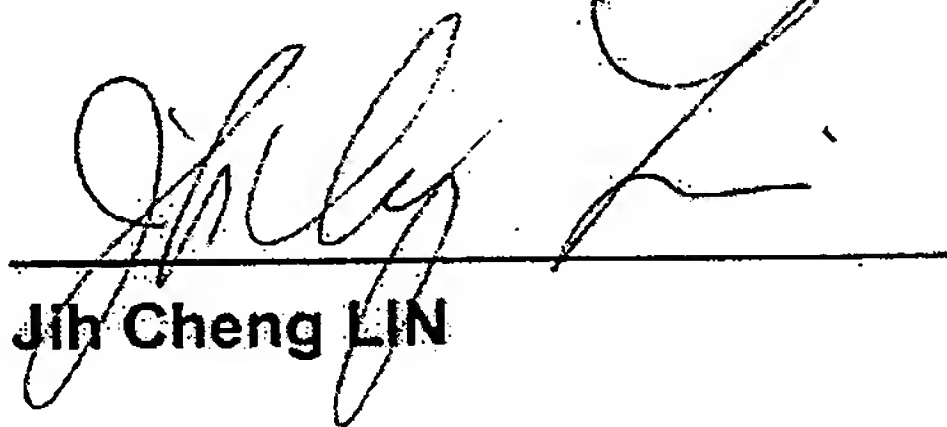
WHEREAS, INTIER AUTOMOTIVE CLOSURES INC., a company incorporated under the laws of Ontario having a place of business at 521 Newpark Boulevard, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 4X7, CANADA, is desirous of acquiring the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the said invention, said patent application and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted and issued therefor in Canada, the United States of America and throughout the world;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Jih Cheng LIN, Dennis John BUENING, Radoslav BOKUN, Manfred FRITSCH, David KRYSIAK, Daniel E. WENGLINSKI, Juliusz KIREJCZYK, Luc R. REGNIER, David LEGAULT, and Douglas G. BROADHEAD do hereby sell, assign and transfer to INTIER AUTOMOTIVE CLOSURES INC., its successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title

and interest in and to said invention, said patent application, including the right to file priority applications, any improvements thereto, and in and to any Letters Patent or divisions, which may be granted and issued therefor in Canada and the United States of America;


Jih Cheng LIN, Dennis John BUENING, Radoslav BOKUN, Manfred FRITSCH, David KRYSIK, Daniel E. WENGLINSKI, Juliusz KIREJCZYK, Luc R. REGNIER, David LEGAULT, and Douglas G. BROADHEAD AGREE to do all things reasonably required of them and to execute all instruments submitted to them by the assignee for carrying out the full intent of this agreement; and Jih Cheng LIN, Dennis John BUENING, Radoslav BOKUN, Manfred FRITSCH, David KRYSIK, Daniel E. WENGLINSKI, Juliusz KIREJCZYK, Luc R. REGNIER, David LEGAULT, and Douglas G. BROADHEAD hereby request and authorize the Patent Office to issue the said Letters Patent to INTIER AUTOMOTIVE CLOSURES INC., its successors and assigns.

EXECUTED at Intier Automotive, this
17th day of February, 2005.


 Jih Cheng LIN

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Dennis J. Buening, whose full post office address is 46151 Bloomcrest Drive, Northville MI 48167 was personally present and did see Jih Cheng LIN who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.


 Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at Intier Automotive, this
17th day of February, 2005.


 Dennis John BUENING

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Muhamad Thwiny, whose full post office address is 1721 Dogwood Trail Commerce Twp., MI 48390 was personally present and did see **Dennis John BUENING** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.


Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Radoslav BOKUN

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Radoslav BOKUN** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Manfred FRITSCH

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Manfred FRITSCH** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Dennis John BUENING** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

18th **EXECUTED** at Inter Automotive, this day of February, 2005.

Radoslav Bokun
Radoslav BOKUN

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Dennis J. Buening, whose full post office address is 46151 Bloomcrest Drive, Northville MI 48167 was personally present and did see **Radoslav BOKUN** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Dennis J. Buening
Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Manfred FRITSCH

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Manfred FRITSCH** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Dennis John BUENING** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Radoslav BOKUN

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Radoslav BOKUN** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

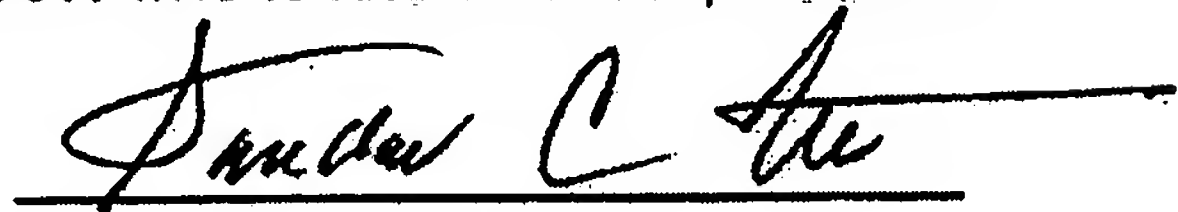
Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at Dalton, GA, this 21 day of February, 2005.


Manfred FRITSCH

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, SANDRA C. IATE, whose full post office address is P.O. Box 44 DALTON, GA 30704 was personally present and did see **Manfred FRITSCH** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.


Signature of Witness

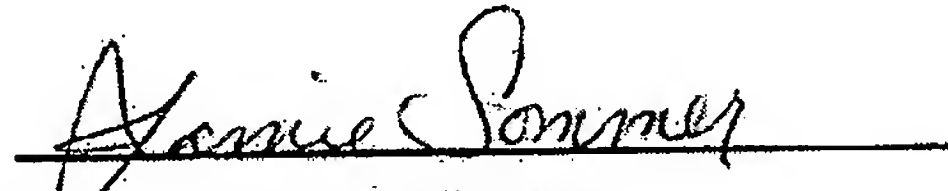
EXECUTED at Madison Heights, Michigan, U.S.A., this
21st day of June, 2005.



David KRYSIK

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, JAMIE SOMMER, whose full post office
 address is 27728 GLADSTONE ST. CLAIR SHORES MI 48081 was
 personally present and did see **David KRYSIK** who is known to me, execute
 the above Assignment.



Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this
 _____ day of _____, 2005.

Daniel E. WENGLINSKI

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office
 address is _____ was
 personally present and did see **Daniel E. WENGLINSKI** who is known to me,
 execute the above Assignment.

 Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this
 _____ day of _____, 2005.

Juliusz KIREJCZYK

EXECUTED at _____, this
 _____ day of _____, 2005.

David KRYSIK

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office
 address is _____ was
 personally present and did see **David KRYSIK** who is known to me, execute
 the above Assignment.

 Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at Novi, Michigan, this
17 day of May, 2005.

Daniel Wenglinski
Daniel E. WENGLINSKI

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Rachel Butler, whose full post office
 address is 6891 Crofoot Road Farmville, NC 28836 was
 personally present and did see **Daniel E. WENGLINSKI** who is known to me,
 execute the above Assignment.


 Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this
 _____ day of _____, 2005.

Juliusz KIREJCZYK

EXECUTED at _____, this
_____ day of _____, 2005.

David KRYSIK

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office
address is _____ was
personally present and did see David KRYSIK who is known to me, execute
the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this
_____ day of _____, 2005.

Daniel E. WENGLINSKI

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office
address is _____ was
personally present and did see Daniel E. WENGLINSKI who is known to me,
execute the above Assignment.


Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at Newmarket, this
17 day of February, 2005.


Juliusz KIREJCZYK

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, DOUG BROADHEAD, whose full post office address is 4 PENROSE CRT was personally present and did see Juliusz KIREJCZYK who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.



Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at NEWARK NJ, this 17 day of FEB, 2005.

 Luc R. REGNIER

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see Luc R. REGNIER who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

 Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2005.

 David LEGAULT

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see David LEGAULT who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

 Signature of Witness

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see Juliusz KIREJCZYK who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at NEWMARKET, ONTARIO, this 17 day of FEBRUARY, 2005.


Luc R. REGNIER

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, KELSO SHAW, P.ENG., whose full post office address is 18 MOIR CR., BARRIE, ON. was personally present and did see Luc R. REGNIER who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.


Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2005.

David LEGAULT

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see David LEGAULT who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Juliusz KIREJCZYK** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at _____, this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Luc R. REGNIER

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, _____, whose full post office address is _____ was personally present and did see **Luc R. REGNIER** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Signature of Witness

EXECUTED at INTIER, AUTOMOTIVE, this 17th day of FEBRUARY, 2005.

David LEGAULT

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Dennis J. Bueary, whose full post office address is 4615 C Bloomcrest Drive, Northville Michigan 48167 was personally present and did see **David LEGAULT** who is known to me, execute the above Assignment.

Dennis J. Bueary
Signature of Witness

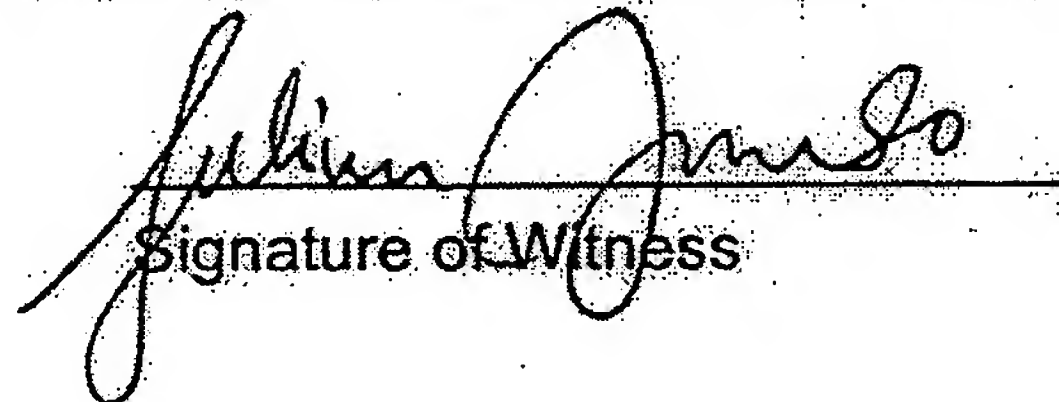
EXECUTED at Newmarket, this
17 day of February, 2005.



Douglas G. BROADHEAD

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

I, Julian Kingery, whose full post office
address is 1045 Fox North Circle Newmarket Courade was
personally present and did see Douglas G. BROADHEAD who is known to me,
execute the above Assignment.



Signature of Witness

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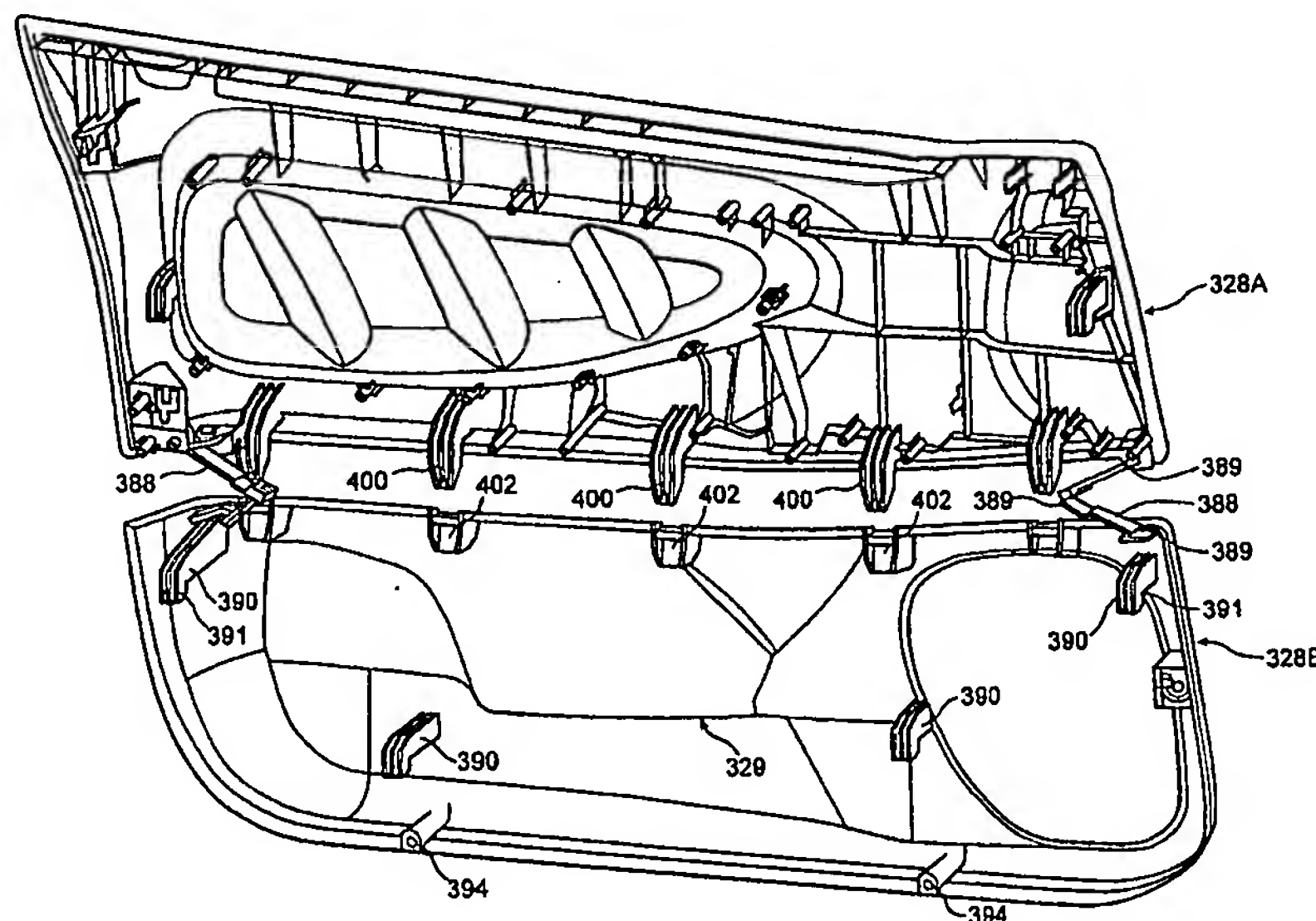
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(54) Title: TRIM DOOR HARDWARE CARRIER AND METHODS OF ASSEMBLING VEHICLE DOOR



(57) Abstract: A door module assembly for a motor vehicle door has a plate-like carrier holding a plurality of door hardware components in a pre-configured orientation, including one or more window regulator rails. The carrier seals the motor vehicle door and includes a flap that provides at least partial access to the window regulator rails. A first trim panel is pre-fixed to the carrier. A second trim panel articulates with respect to the first trim panel between an initial position generally parallel to the first trim panel and an installed position generally in-line with the first trim panel. With the carrier storing substantially all of the hardware required for the door and the trim panels covering substantially the entire surface area of the door, handling and assembly operations are minimized.



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TITLE OF INVENTION

TRIM DOOR HARDWARE CARRIER AND METHODS OF ASSEMBLING VEHICLE DOOR

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/11/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/11/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/11/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/11/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/11/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/11/2006
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- Priority Documents filed on 07/11/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

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TRIM DOOR HARDWARE CARRIER AND METHODS OF ASSEMBLING VEHICLE DOOR

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U. S. C. Section 120 of any United States application(s), or Section 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C. F. R., Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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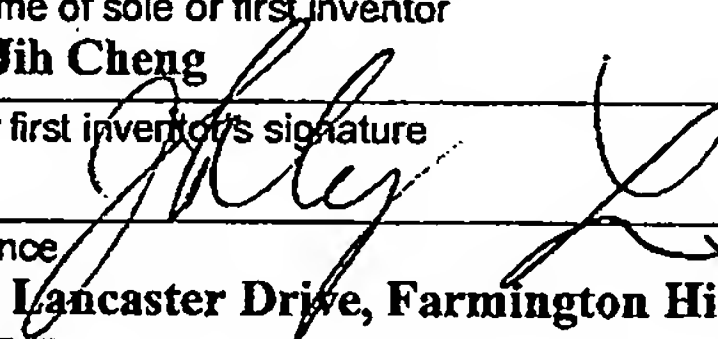
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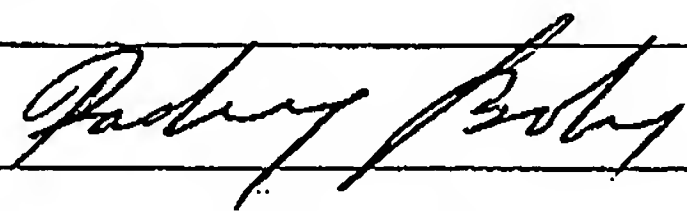
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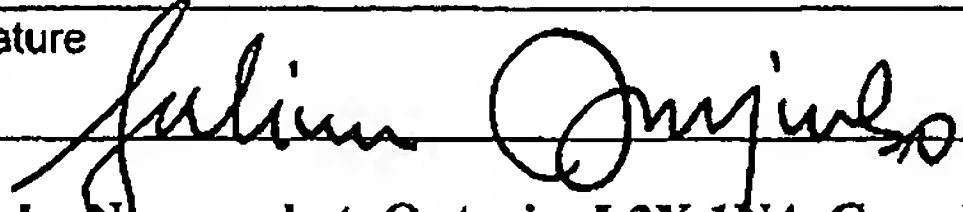
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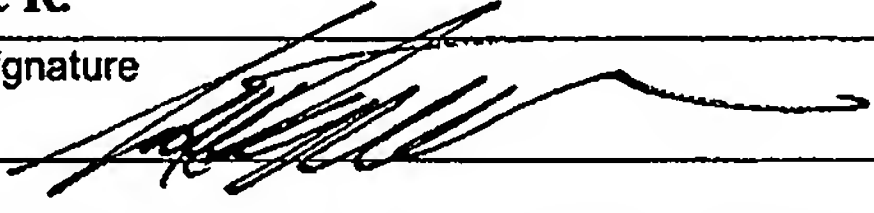
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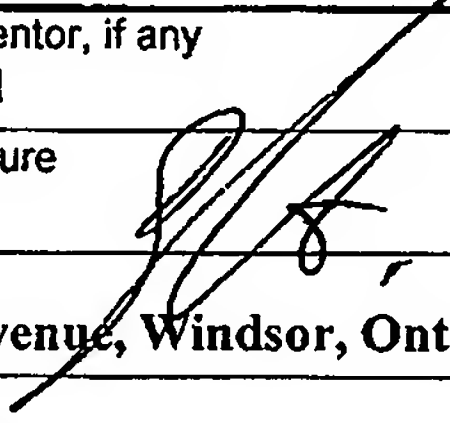
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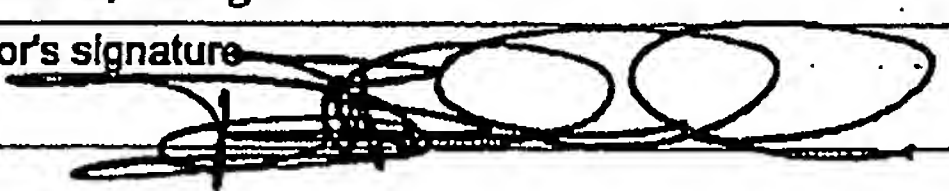
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STATEMENT OF PATENT COUNSEL

I, Alex Porat, of the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario, SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Patent Counsel for Intier Automotive Closures Inc., and as such have knowledge of matters hereinafter declared to.

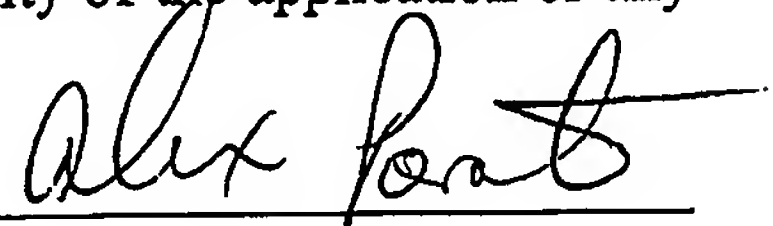
2. Intier Automotive Closures Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Magna Interior Systems Inc.

3. Mr. Manfred Fritsch was employed by Magna Interior Systems Inc. between June 1, 1998 and February 26, 2004.

4. The "Trim Door Hardware Carrier And Methods Of Assembling Vehicle Door" invention, which is identified above as serial number 10/585,628, was jointly invented by Jih Cheng Lin, Dennis John Buening, Radoslav Bokun, Manfred Fritsch, David James Krysiak, Daniel E. Wenglinski, Juliusz Kirejczyk, Luc R. Regnier, David Legault, and Douglas G. Broadhead during Mr. Fritsch's employment with Magna Interior Systems Inc.

5. According to Magna Interior Systems Inc. employment records, Mr. Fritsch's social security number is 358-88-XXXX.

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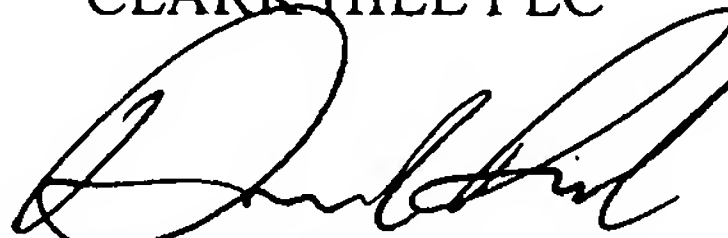
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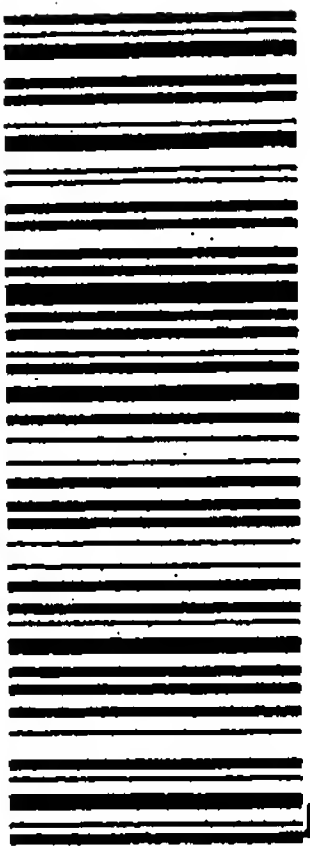
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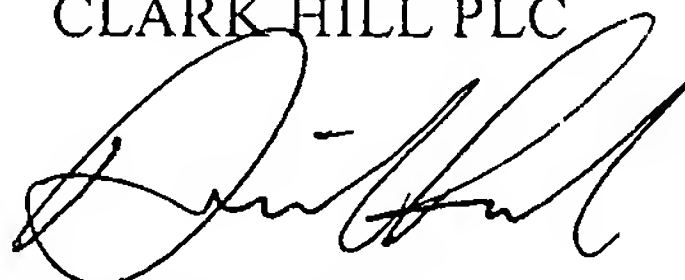
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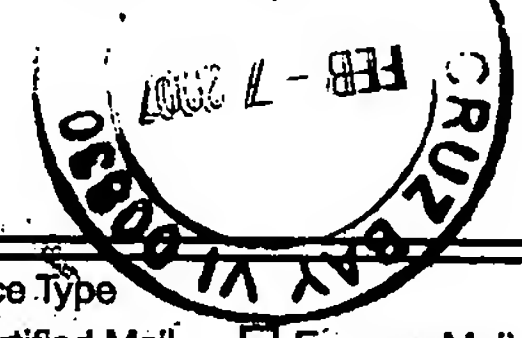
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